to be added to the comiſſion of peace for the ſaid county; and theire being ſuch want of acting men in that part of the county, I think you will doe well to add him, as ſoone as may be. All which is ſubmitted to your conſideration by, A. D. 1655.

Somerſett, Feb. 18, 55. Sir, your humble ſervant,

THO. KELSEY.

Secretary Thurloe *to* Henry Cromwell, *major general of the army in* Ireland.

MY LORD,

I Have received the honour of your lordſhip's of the 13th inſtant with the encloſed papers. I have heard ſomthinge of this matter from commiſſary general Reynolds, and beleeve, that others may have mentioned it in other places with a different ſpirit from his. But yet I deſire your lordſhip to be confident, that wee are taught in what ſence and with what mindes to receive relations of this nature; and doe in ſome meaſure underſtand the perſons, who are converſant in ſuch practiſes as theſe, as well as the thinges themſelves. There is ſome diſcourſe here of ſendinge over to you mr. John Corbet, the lawyer, for a judge, and it is alſoe thought, he would doe well in the counſell. It is certeyne, he is an honeſt man, and *mediocriter doctus*; but wheither this will be reſolved on, or wheither he will accept it, I am not able to ſay. That of ſetlinge the corporations in Ireland is amongſt the inſtructions already. Generall Blake went towards the fleet yeſterday, and generall Mountague goes to morrow. They goe on board at the Downes, and wee hope they will be ready to ſayle with the firſt wynde. In the poſſeſſion of the right honourable the earl of Shelburn.

Seeinge your lordſhip judges the printed addreſs from Wales to be of ſoe much uſe, I have ſent ſome more of them. Of late the diſcontented partye are fallen out with one another. John Sympſon's worke now is to preach againſt the oppinion of the fifth monarchy, which (he ſayes) wee are not to looke for untill Chriſt comeinge perſonally. This he preached yeſterday openly, and afterwards at a more private meetinge he told them, that he knew, that they had an intention both heere and in the countrye to take armes, but for his part he ſayd, he was utterly againſt it, and would declare hymſelfe ſoe. He was ſufficiently bayted for this by his own partye, and ſoe they broke up their meetinge in confuſion. They make but little progreſſe in their warr in Suiſſerland. The canton of Zuricke are ſtill before Ropperſwill, and there was a ceſſation of ſix days agreed upon, by the interpoſition of the French ambaſſador, with hopes, that it will be augmented, and a peace alſoe to enſue thereupon. This is all I have at preſent to trouble your lordſhip with.

Feb. 19, 1655. Your lordſhip's moſt humble and faithfull ſervant,

J. THURLOE.

I ſuppoſe your lordſhip knows, that I have the manadgment of the poſts of England, Ireland, and Scotland. I heare that there is one endeavouringe to ſet up a poſt in Ireland by authority of the counſell there, which is a playne entrenchment upon my charge and truſt. I beſeech your lordſhip to give ſtop to any thinge of that nature. What ſhall be for the ſervice of Ireland, I can ſettle better than another.

Major general Berry *to ſecretary* Thurloe.

SIR,

I Suppoſe you expect ſome account of my proceedings in theſe partes. I am now packing up my papers here at Monmouth, where we have followed our worke cloſe ever ſince we mett, and made ſome good progreſſe. The extraordinary taxe here will not be extraordinary great; eſpecially if my lord ſhould be too liberall in diſtributeing his indulgencyes amongſt theſe unconſtant people, who have played with both hands. Sir Trevor Williams will viſite you, who, though he may have ſomething to plead for himſelfe with ſtrangers, yet with thoſe, that know him in theſe partes, he hath no argument, that will prevaile. Some others we heare intend to trie his goodneſs; but we thinke there is noe great danger of their prevaileing. Intreate my lord not to interpoſe too much, leaſt he bring upon us an odium, and upon himſelfe too great a trouble. I am much troubled with theſe markett townes every where, vices abounding, and magiſtrates faſt a ſleepe. I have cauſed the baylieſes of this town to be called in queſtion for ſome miſcariages concerning alehouſes; and they have ſubmitted to the cenſure of the mayor and common councell, who have fined them in 20 nobles apeece, impriſonment dureing pleaſure, Vol. xxxv. p. 172.